



417th Base Support Battalion

May 2004 Newsletter

Providing support and services to the communities of Giebelstadt, Kitzingen and Wuerzburg

Soldiers to take center stage

By Larry Reilly
Public Affairs Office

The community will get a taste of some homegrown talent when the members of the 2004 Army Soldier Show perform two shows at the Leighton Physical Fitness Center on May 26. Both shows are free to the public and will be held at 2 and 7 p.m.

Three of the 18 active duty Soldiers performing in the show are assigned to units within the 417th Base Support Battalion footprint.

Two of the three Soldiers, Staff Sgt. Howard Charles and Pfc. Jacob Cayouette, are assigned to the 17th Signal Battalion headquartered on Larson Barracks in Kitzingen and Sgt. Paul Kosby is assigned to the 95th

Maintenance Company on the Giebelstadt Army Airfield.

The theme of this year's show is "The Heart of a Soldier." The show focuses on the various issues Soldiers have in communicating with their families as they find themselves deployed around the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The skits, which include many song and dance routines, will touch on the different modes Soldiers use to communicate from cell phones to e-mails.

The soldiers will also perform shows in Illesheim on May 28 and Bamberg on June 2.

For more information on the show, call 355-8370 or (09321) 3058370.



Photo courtesy of Tim Hips

Pfc. Heather Jenkins of Fort Drum, N.Y., and Staff Sgt. Charles Howard, of 17th Signal Battalion, take center stage during a recent performance of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show.



Shadow effect

Four children, playing shadows, strike a pose in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Red Riding Hood."

The play tells the story of Red Riding Hood, who encounters many fairy tale characters on her way to grandma's house. The children performed the musical on May 1 at the Harvey Performing Arts Center.

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Photo by Mindy Campbell

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the Cantigny Club.

Volunteers receive special recognition during annual Volunteer of the Year award ceremony at

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Wuerzburg animal shelters.

D.A.R.E. officer organizes a pet food and supply donation drive to assist the Kitzingen and the

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on Leighton Barracks.

More than 2,000 children and adults have fun during MWR's annual Kinderfest celebra-

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Commander's Comments

Community recognized for excellence

This month I will travel to Washington D.C. on behalf of the community to receive the Army Communities of Excellence Award—2nd place Army wide. I am honored to represent our great community at this event and proud to bring home \$200,000, which we will invest into additional quality of life programs.

I am constantly reminded of the wonderful community we live in. Many of our residents participated in Spring Clean-up and spruced up their quarters and offices. Daily I see neighbors out and about helping neighbors. We also recently thanked our Volunteers at our annual ceremony. They give so much without any consideration for recognition

or thanks. Reading about their contributions to the community left me humbled and proud.

The Wuerzburg Hospital opened the "Victory Wing" last week - once again a testament to all that is good throughout the community and their desire to take care of our own.

We kicked off our Youth Baseball/Softball season and MWR sponsored the Missoula Children's Theater. This is just to name a few of the recent events taking place. None of which could have occurred without the support of everyone in the community. So my thanks to everyone.

I also want to encourage everyone to thank community teachers/



Lt. Col. Thomas H. Fass

educators. The first week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week. We ask and expect so much of our teachers. Teachers are not only expected to teach and inspire children to learn, we also expect them to teach life skills such as values, morals, teamwork and discipline.

On the one hand I assume we expect our teachers to teach these life skills since on a daily basis our children spend so much time in school.

Yet, when our kids are home with us — what are our own expectations as parents? We are not bound by a syllabus and too frequently the TV becomes our excuse for "unwinding."

The bottom line is that we expect a lot of our teachers and they deliver. Please be sure to take the time to thank those who we expect so much of and who give so much of themselves for the benefit of our children.

Remember, together we can make a difference! God bless our deployed soldiers and all of you.

Customer service plays important role in BSB

Greetings to everyone in the 417th Base Support Battalion. Since my arrival about a month ago, the train hasn't stopped and the ball just keeps rolling - faster on some days than others. I've had the opportunity to participate in a number of community activities and events. It has been great seeing the 417th BSB team in action providing excellent community support.



CSM Ralph Ford

It has been my pleasure to visit, meet and greet many of you, our BSB team members and supporting agencies, that provide services to our community.

I thank all of you for your welcome and courteous customer service in which you have given and shown my family and me.

This is a difficult time for our community, which makes customer service extremely

important. And I know it's important at all times, but now, it requires more of our patience, care, concern and understanding. This is important to me and you have shown that. You have made us feel extremely welcome.

Please continue to be sensitive to our customers' needs and continue the stride to make your support better. I am proud to be a member of the 417th BSB and am looking forward to serving with you.

I'll see you in the community and together, we can make a difference.

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417th shines in Army contest

By Mindy Campbell
Public Affairs Office

The 417th Base Support Battalion community is among the best Army installations in the world.

The community was recently notified it placed second in the worldwide Army Communities of Excellence, or ACOE, competition. Along with the win, the community will receive a check for \$200,000 to be used for quality of life improvements. The check will be presented to several community representatives at a ceremony on May 6 at the Pentagon.

Winning the top Army installation and a \$1 million check was Stewart, Ga., while the 222nd BSB in Baumholder, Germany received third place.

The 417th BSB won a berth in the Department of the Army ACOE contest after winning first place in the European region competition in September 2003.

On April 22, Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland, the director of the Installation Management Agency, and other top Army officials presented the 417th BSB with their first place award for Europe in a ceremony in Schweinfurt.

Established in 1993, the ACOE program promotes and recognizes excellent services at Army installations.

Using a standard set of criteria, called the Army Performance Improvement Criteria, or APIC, the ACOE program provides community officials a system for evaluating and improving processes, products and services to better meet the needs of their customers.

Installations are judged on things such as senior leadership goals, strategic planning and development, and customer focus.

"Members of the 417th BSB community live in a community that takes its customers seriously," said David Leinberger, 417th BSB quality manager. "What makes us successful is how we respond to our customers."

Competing installations submitted a 50-page application, which was scored



From left to right, Lt. Gen. William E. Ward, USAREUR deputy commanding general and chief of staff applauds while 417th BSB Command Sgt. Maj., CSM Ralph Ford and Lt. Col. Thomas Fass, commander, accept the first place award for the IMA-E level ACOE competition while Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, director, Installation Management Agency looks on. *Photo by Larry Reilly*

by a team of examiners. The examiners then performed site visits to verify the application information.

The competition helps installation leaders set priorities for improvement and introduce better ways to work with their customers and colleagues.

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— Lt. Col. Thomas Fass, 417th
BSB, commander

"The ACOE program helps us focus our efforts and direct our limited resources toward more efficiently and effectively meeting the needs of our customers," said Anne Warren, 417th BSB quality specialist.

With the cash prize, the 417th BSB now will decide what quality of life improvements would best serve the community.

"We will poll the community and get suggestions on how best to use the money," said Leinberger.

In the past, the ACOE money has been used to pay for things such as electronic marquees, the climbing wall in the Giebelstadt Physical Fitness Center, gym equipment, library items and a revamped 417th BSB web site, Leinberger said.

"We want to make improvements that will benefit the greatest amount of people in the community," Leinberger said.

This is not the first time the 417th BSB was recognized for its excellence. Last year, the community won first in Europe. Two years ago, the 417th BSB won the top spot and the \$1 million check in the overall competition.

"We live in a great community and this recognition is a compliment to everyone who helps make this a great place to live," said Lt. Col. Thomas Fass, 417th BSB, commander. "There are many processes in place that help this community continually improve. We are focused toward being the Army's Community of Excellence."



BSB Volunteers of the Year

Family Member Volunteer



Sonia Patton volunteers almost every day with one of five programs. Her volunteer commitments include the Army Family Team Building program, Giebelstadt Protestant Women of the Chapel. She was also very active in the 12th Aviation Brigade's Family Readiness Group steering committee as well as serving as the 3-58th Aviation Battalion FRG co-leader.

"As a former Soldier, I just get motivated when I am able to help Soldiers and their families," she said. "Doing so really means a lot to me."

Military Volunteer



Lt. Col. Robert Brown serves as a coach for three separate 417th BSB Youth Services sports programs including baseball, basketball and soccer. He spends numerous hours at practice, working with children both on a team level and individual level. Brown also attended numerous training and certification events including Olympic development training.

"Seeing the smile on the kids' faces after they have learned something new makes volunteering very rewarding," Brown said

Youth Volunteer



Jessica Branch devotes many hours both in and out of school volunteering. Branch spent the past year organizing a Kosovo clothing drive through the Wuerzburg American High School, participating in WATTS Health Fair, teaching at Vacation Bible School, serving on the National Honor Society Committee and leading the WAHS Youth Sponsorship program.

"I like making people happy," Branch said. "I believe my volunteer time with the Friends Club at school really helps other students get involved."

Distinguished volunteers honored



Distinguished Military

Sgt. LaTonya Harris gives many volunteer hours as a basketball coach for Child & Youth Services, a leader in the New Life Christian Fellowship children's church and serves on the board of the Leighton SAS, PAC.



Distinguished Civilian

Anne Harper spends countless hours volunteering at the American Red Cross, the Wuerzburg American Hospital's Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby program, Parent Teacher Association and the Girl Scouts.



Distinguished Volunteer

Jami Shawley volunteers her time at the 147th Maintenance Company's FRG, Chaplain's Office, Girl Scouts of America, Kitzingen Community Spouses Club and as a coach for a cheerleading team with Youth Services Sports.



Distinguished Civilian

Gina Bowman devotes many hours volunteering with the HHD, 417th BSB FRG and battalion spouse groups, worked many roles within the Kitzingen Community Spouses Club, and served as a Girl Scout Twilight camp counselor.

Distinguished Military

SFC Richard Gottfried gave many hours at the Harvey Barracks Rod & Gun club.

He was responsible for the operation of the kitchen. Not only was he the soul behind the kitchen, he was a major factor in all operations at the club.

Gottfried, a member of HHD, DISCOM, was recently killed in action in Iraq.

Hospital opens Victory Ward

By Roger Teel

*U.S. Army Hospital,
Wuerzburg*

The fourth floor medical/surgical ward at the U.S. Army Hospital in Wuerzburg is now called Victory Ward.

The new name better describes the floor where injured Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division, 67th Combat Support Hospital and other supporting units will recover once they return from Iraq.

"We've expanded our services because our mission is taking care of Soldiers and their families," said Col. Jeff Clark, hospital commander. "Expanding our medical surgical ward provides us with more room, facilitates for family and unit visits, and allows us to centralize our care for Soldiers returning from Iraq."

During the opening ceremonies on April 28, V Corps Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Daniel Keefe expanded on Clark's vision of the hospital ward.

"We really are a band of brothers, both here and on the battlefield," Keefe said. "The Army medical corps, as evidenced by this initiative, is an invaluable element in the combat team."

Col. Terry Carroll, representing the Europe Regional Medical Command, praised community members in the Big Red One footprint.

"People in Wuerzburg always seem to find a way to do the right thing, and truly care about one another," he said.

Following the ribbon cutting, Keefe awarded Purple Heart medals to Sgt. Arthur Coleman III, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor, Schweinfurt, and two Soldiers from Bamberg, Staff Sgt. Wardell McGhee and Spc. Luke Ness, both from B Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery.

"Many segments of our community, especially agencies in the 417th BSB, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and



Photo by Roger Teel

Lending their hands to officially open Wuerzburg hospital's Victory Ward are, from left, Lt. Col. Chris Kolenda, Col. Jeff Clark, Debbie Morgan, Brig. Gen. Daniel Keefe, Michelle Batiste, and Bonnie McCarty.

Family Readiness Groups from throughout the 1st ID, have shown support for our Victory Ward and Victory Soldiers," said Maj. Sara Sproat, clinical operations officer for the Wuerzburg hospital. "This is a coming together, a way of taking care of our Army's heroes who have been injured."

Victory Ward gives the hospital 24 inpatient beds,

according to hospital senior clinical noncommissioned officer Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Mattice.

Amenities in the ward also include a worldwide access portable telephone, four computer stations in the dayroom and four digital video disc players mounted on mobile stands for Soldiers unable to get to the TV lounge.



Members of the Friday Morning Craft Group work on crafting projects while their children play in the background. The group meets at the Harvey Arts & Crafts Center.

Photo by Larry Reilly

Sew friendly days

Each Friday morning from 9 a.m. until noon, a small group of crafty ladies gather inside the Harvey Arts & Crafts Center and create master pieces. The creations come in the form of needlepoint, quilting and cross stitch fabrics. The group offers beginners and intermediate crafters an opportunity to work with and learn from each other. The craft center recently opened a room where children can play while the crafters work. The center also offers classes in framing, scrap-booking and stamping, ceramics and quilting. For more information, contact the Harvey Arts & Crafts Center at (09321) 3058390.



Supplies sought for shelters

By Mindy Campbell
Public Affairs Office

Local German animal shelters, or tierheims, have received an increasing number of pets abandoned by the American military community during the past year.

To help out the tierheims, Sgt. Vera McKenzie, a 417th Base Support Battalion D.A.R.E. officer, is organizing a pet supply donation drive within the community.

She is asking the community, as well as her fifth grade D.A.R.E. students, to donate items such as towels, blankets, small carpets in good condition and dog or cat food. These items will be donated to the Kitzingen and Wuerzburg tierheims.

From May 7 through 21, donations will be collected at the Kitzingen and Wuerzburg commissaries and all three Military Police stations.

Tierheim officials report the number of animals left at the shelters has increased since local troops left for Iraq. According to Angela Drabant, the Kitzingen Tierheim



manager, Americans give several reasons for leaving their pets at the shelter. Some of those reasons include families moving back to the states, not wanting to take care of the animal while the spouse is deployed, the animal is too old or its too expensive to ship the animal home.

From January 2003 until present, the Kitzingen Tierheim have taken in 23 dogs, 44 cats, 2 birds and 22 other small animals from Americans. During the same time frame, the Wuerzburg Tierheim took in 26 dogs, 49 cats and 29 small animals from Americans.

Because the tierheims don't euthanize their animals, they either place the animals in homes or they keep the animals until a place is found. The donations, therefore, will assist the tierheims in providing a comfortable setting for the animals.

"These donations will be very helpful for our shelters," Drabant said.

McKenzie said she knows not all Americans treat their pets badly.

"I know there are many Americans who love their animals and treat them



The Kitzingen and Wuerzburg tierheims will use the collected pet supply items to take care of animals such as the one pictured above.

well," McKenzie said. "However, there are just different mentalities between the Germans and the Americans when it comes to pets. Germans take their pets everywhere and treat their pets more like a family member."

Drabant said tierheims have a policy of not giving animals to Americans and encourage prospective pet owners not to rush into buying an animal. "Think before you buy an animal," she said.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Vera McKenzie at (0160) 99702165.

Workshops teach skills for surviving military life

The 417th BSB Army Community Service is hosting a series of workshops entitled "Follow Your Dreams While You Follow the Military."

The workshops, which are free and open to the community, will be offered in Kitzingen at the Woodland Inn, May 17; in Giebelstadt at the Red Baron, May 18; and in Wuerzburg at the Cantigny Club, May 19. The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a light lunch. Limited childcare is available.

Created by two military spouses, this interactive workshop shows spouses how they can create a life full of energy, focus and joy, even within the challenges of military life.



the workshop presenters. "I finally realized that the military wasn't going to change — or at least not fast enough for me — so I had to change my approach."

Hightower partnered with fellow military spouse, Holly Scherer, and they researched how to not only survive in this military lifestyle, but how to thrive.

"We don't want spouses to think they have to give up their own dreams

"I have to admit, I spent my first years of military married life complaining," said Kathie Hightower, one of

until they stop moving with the military," said Scherer. "The workshop helps you clarify your dreams and shows you how to move toward them, starting today."

Workshop participants will also learn ways to reduce their stress levels and increase their daily energy.

"Although the workshop is geared to military spouses, the information is valuable to others in the community as well," Scherer said.

For more information about the workshop or to sign-up, call the Leighton ACS at 350-7103 or (0931) 8897103. For child care reservations, call Kristin Boyd at (09321) 383111.

Information provided by ACS.



Left: Karen Dees and her daughter, Jillian, 4, stamp out a design during the Kinderfest.

Below, Major Chris Chun, DISCOM Rear Detachment commander, paints his son, Jonathan Chun's face.



Kinderfest

Children enjoy a day of fun

More than 2,000 parents and children participated in the MWR and Child and Youth Services Kinderfest on Saturday, April 24. The annual event, held at Dickman Field on Leighton Barracks, included games, arts and crafts booths, inflatable jungle gyms and food. The event also included live entertainment which consisted of music and a karate demonstration by local youths.

Photos by Larry Reilly





Contest seeks Iraq experience

By Larry Reilly
Public Affairs Office

Not a day goes by that stories about Iraq can't be found in newspapers or heard on the radio and television. But so many other Iraq stories go untold, until now.

The 417th Base Support Battalion Libraries and the Community Wellness Council are conducting the "Tell Your Iraq Story" contest.

The contest is open to everyone with a story to tell, whether it was an actual campaign-related story or a story on how the family or

individual handled the situation of having a loved one deployed.

"There are a lot of untold stories people have and we hope they will share their experience with the community," said Sarah Radke, Public Services Librarian. "Everyone from soldier to student to spouse can enter the contest."

If writing an essay is not your forte, then use one of the accepted eight formats.

"Some people can better express themselves through painting or video taping and others through photographs or scrapbooks. Those and

many other formats will be accepted," said Radke.

Regardless of the format, the actual story may offer more than just another story on Iraq.

"With many soldiers in the community now deployed, stories from soldiers who have just returned from an Iraq deployment and their families who remained here may offer others a way to better cope with a deployment situation," said Radke.

June 11 is the deadline for the contest and all entries will be divided into seven categories that include four

individual categories for students, one adult category and two group categories.

"The entries can be dropped off at Bldg. 114 on Harvey Barracks from June 1-11," said Steven Gauthier, Community Recreation Division chief. "A panel of judges will view the entries and the winners in each category will be announced and entries displayed on June 19 during the "Welcome Home" celebration at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield."

For more information and guidelines on the "Tell Your Iraq Story" contest, call 350-1740, (0931) 889-1740.

A magical night of fun and laughter

More than 250 adults and children enjoyed a night of magic and entertainment during the Rick Moore Magic Show on April 16 at the Cantigny Club. The show featured antics from a clown, two magicians, a ventriloquist and a country-western singer.



Children, above, take in the sights during the show.



Left: Zachary Zimmerman, 4, reacts to a giant pair of clown-sized underpants that Rodney Kelley made magically appear. Above: Tony Denham, left, holds onto a dollar bill as magician Rick Moore and his wife, Donna, perform a trick.



Into the Woods with Red Riding Hood

More than 50 children participated in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Red Riding Hood" on May 1.

It was a busy week for the youths, who ranged from kindergarten to 12th grade. The young actors auditioned Monday, April 26 and practiced every evening until the performance on Saturday.

The play centers around the story of Little Red Riding Hood, but takes a turn in the woods. Once in the woods, Red and her girlfriends encounter a variety of fairy-tale creatures including the Three Little Pigs, the Boy Who Cried Wolf, Robin Hood, the Little Lovable Wolf and an assortment of other characters that attempt to get Red off the trail.



Above: A member of the raccoon group, pictured above, looks guilty after the gang steals Red's picnic basket.

Photos by Mindy Campbell



Top: Members of the Wolf gang show their claws as they try to scare Red.

Above: The Three Little Pigs, played by Shelby Jones, Jocelyn Jamison and Sarah Feuerborn, taunt the Little Lovable Wolf played by Alyssa Flora.

Left: Red, played by Allison Peters, and her girlfriends, Sabrina Pernol, standing, and Tamika Caldwell, sitting, admire the physique of the Woodsman, played by Adam Hyche.

Summer safety program kicks-off

By Mindy Campbell
Public Affairs Office

As the weather warms up and people begin to do more outdoor activities, summer safety issues take on an increasing importance.

To educate and inform the public, the USAREUR Summer Safety campaign is now kicking off.

All Soldiers and civilian employees within the 417th Base Support Battalion must complete the 98th ASG Summer Safety Campaign Employee Checklist. The checklist, which must be signed by a supervisor, needs to be submitted to the 417th BSB Safety Office by May 31. The checklist includes topics such as hot weather injury prevention, privately owned vehicles and water safety.

In addition, Soldiers and employees who ride motorcycles need to take a bike safety course if they have not all ready done so, said Ehrenfried Dengler, 417th BSB Safety officer.

"We want to educate the motorcyclists or give them a refresher course before the season starts," Dengler said.

According to government officials, last summer was the hottest in Europe in more than 500 years.

During the heat wave between June and August, several thousand more deaths were reported in Europe than usual.

The goal of the campaign is to ensure Soldiers and employees are trained to prevent summer-related accidents and injuries both on and off the job.

"Many people are going out, spending time with friends and family," Dengler said. "Sometimes, in those situations, you forget about safety."

The safety office is offering units and organizations several options to complete the checklist. The unit or organization can stop by the safety office to check out the required materials, the representatives from the Safety Office can come out to the individual groups and give the presentations or bike safety courses,



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information can be found on the 98 ASG web site or the 417th BSB shared drive, or Soldiers and employees can attend one of several briefings being held in May.

The next briefing will be held on May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Centre Court on Harvey Barracks. Make-up dates include May 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Kitzingen,

May 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the theater on Leighton Barracks, and on May 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Centre Court.

"Most of this information is common sense which people all ready know," Dengler said. "This is just a reminder that will help keep the information fresh in their minds."

The two-day motorcycle Beginning Rider Class will be held on May 4-5, May 6-7 and May 12-13.

A motorcycle Experienced Rider Class will be held on May 27.

For more information, contact the 417th BSB Safety Office (09321) 3051670.

BOOK BINGO



More than a dozen children participated in the Picture Book Bingo event held at the Leighton Library on Saturday, April 24. The event was held in honor of National Library Week.

Photo by Scott Rouch

Act 1 performs Steel Magnolias

MWR's Act 1 Community Theatre invites members of the community to attend Robert Harling's play, "Steel Magnolias."

Performances will be held on June 3, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. On June 6 and 13 shows will start at 3 p.m.

"Steel Magnolias" centers on Truvy's Beauty Parlor in a small community in Louisiana. The story follows a close-knit circle of friends whose lives, in laughter and heartbreak, come together at the beauty parlor.

The play will be performed at the Harvey Performing Arts Center in Kitzingen.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 355-8370 or (09321) 3058370.



Outdoor Rec kicks off summer fun

By Mindy Campbell

Public Affairs Specialist

Things are heating up this spring with the 417th Base Support Battalion Outdoor Recreation Center.

The center recently kicked off its summer trip schedule, which includes everything from trips to fairy-tale castles to the more extreme white water rafting and rappelling adventures.

The summer schedule has something for everyone, said Paul Calain, Outdoor Recreation director.

"The goal of Outdoor Recreation is to get people out," Calain said. "Whether it is an adventure trip or leisure, you will not be able to leave Germany without saying you saw something special."

The summer schedule includes two different types of trips: leisure and adventure. The leisure trips are the classic tours of parks, castles and the always-popular shopping trips.

The adventure trips, while not extreme, are more intense and require more physical exertion. They include activities like white water kayaking and rafting, canyoning, hiking and camping.

"There is a misconception that these trips are for men," he said. "But, that hasn't been the case here."

In fact, he said, in the past the ratio has been split evenly between men and women.

This summer, two new trips have been added to the adventure lineup. The two highlights include the Century Bike Ride, a 100-mile ride through the picturesque Franconian Lake region and the Ultimate Adventure Weekend, a Swiss trip that includes rappelling down mountains, climbing up ice walls and running the rapids.

In addition to the trips, the Outdoor Recreation Center is in the process of relocating from Harvey Barracks to Larson Barracks. According to Calain, the new building, which is located next to the community mail room and behind the shoppette, is in a better location.

"It is closer to Marshall Heights Housing Area and the majority of Soldiers are located at Larson right now," Calain said.

The new facility is bigger and will allow the staff to utilize their resources more effectively. While the move and building will be a work in progress, the staff will continue to work on the facility throughout the summer. When complete, the center will include a caving wall, aquatic, camping and skiing areas and room for classes.



Kayaks and bikes fill the new Outdoor Recreation building on Larson Barracks. Photo by Mindy Campbell

Calain said the Outdoor Recreation staff is always looking for new ideas.

"If you don't see a trip you like, make a suggestion," he said. He also said the center is looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of ways.

For more information about trips or volunteer opportunities, contact Outdoor Recreation at (09321) 3058629.

Sports News

Mother's Day fun run

The 417th BSB Sports Office will host a Mother's Day 5k Fun Run on Saturday, May 8. The event will be held at Giebelstadt Army Airfield. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the run starts at 10 a.m. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt and each woman a rose.

LEAP registration

The Learn Early and Achieve Proficiency program offers children ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to participate and learn different sports and fine arts.

The LEAP program is currently registering for bowling, hockey, cheerleading, gymnastics, music and art. For more information, contact Belynda Smith at 355-8362.

FRG bowling league

Bowlers wanted for a Family Readiness bowling league. The league will play every Thursday at 10 a.m.

The league begins on May 6 and runs through Aug. 26. For more details or to sign up, call (09321) 21615 or visit the Marshall Heights Bowling Center.

Whitewater kayaking trip

The 417th BSB Outdoor Recreation Center is hosting a kayaking trip on May 15. The cost of daylong trip is \$25 and includes instructions, equipment and transportation.

The bus departs the Larson Barracks Outdoor Recreation Center at 7 a.m. For more information, call 355-8629 or (09321) 3058629.

Martial arts classes held

Martial arts classes are now being held at Wuerzburg American Middle School and the Giebelstadt gym. Registration is on-going and sign-ups can be done at any Child and Youth Services facility.

For more information, contact Archie Johnson at 355-6694 or (09321) 3056694.

Community In Briefs

Mother's Day brunch set

The Red Baron Club on the Giebelstadt Army Airfield is offering a Mother's Day Brunch on May 9. There will be two seatings at 10 a.m. and noon. For more information, call 351-7204 or (09334) 87-7204.

Thank your FCC provider

Friday, May 7 is Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. Take time to show your family childcare provider how much you appreciate them. For more information, contact Barbara Pillans at 355-2830 or (09321) 7022830/2817.

Leighton hosts Soldier Show

The 2004 United States Army Soldier Show tour will make a stop on Leighton Barrack May 26 for performances at 2 and 7 p.m. inside the Leighton Barrack

Physical Fitness Center. Both performances are free and open to the public on a first-come basis. For more information, call 355-8370 or (09321) 3058370.

Red Cross holds CPR course

The American Red Cross will hold a CPR/First Aid/AED instructors course on May 22-23 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. Participants must have a current basic level CPR, First Aid, and AED certificates. For more information, contact American Red Cross at (0931) 8891760.

Asian Pacific luncheon

To celebrate Asian Pacific heritage month, the 417th BSB offices of the Equal Employment Opportunity and Equal Opportunity will host a luncheon on May 6 at the Victory Inn on Leighton Barracks from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch items include sweet and sour pork, vegetable lo mein, pork and shrimp egg rolls and fried rice. Lunch will cost \$3.30 and for family members of E-4 and below the cost is \$2.85.

FRG training scheduled

Army Community Service will host a Family Readiness Group Leader and Family Readiness Liaison training on May 11-13. The class will be held from 9 to 3 p.m. at Leighton Barracks, building 13. For more information, contact ACS at (0931) 8897103.

National Day of Prayer

Join others on May 6 at the Leighton Chapel to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. A service and luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Leighton Chapel. In addition, the chapel will be open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Group hosts seminar on children

The Special Needs Support Group is presenting a seminar on children and deployment. Ann Cohen, of Social Work Services, will speak on "My Child is Afraid, Should I be Worried." The seminar will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at Leighton ACS, building 14. Participants should bring their lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For

Family Friendly Getaway Trips

The Outdoor Recreation Center at Harvey Barracks is providing a number of local Family Friendly Getaways trips held on Wednesdays during schools hours.

The one-day trips are free. No reservations are required but there are limited seats (50) available. Euros will be needed for lunch, shopping and entrance fees to some locations.

For each trip, the bus will depart the Marshall Heights Shoppette at 9 a.m., the Leighton DENTAC parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and will return to the Leighton DENTAC parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and Marshall Heights Shoppette at 2 p.m.

The upcoming trips include:

May 6 - IMAX Theater

Wuerzburg

May 12 - Freizeit Land

(Geiselwind)

June 3 - Boat ride on the Main

June 9 - Pottenstein

For more information about the trips, call 355-8629 or (09321) 3058629.

In Memory



PFC Shawn Edwards

More than 100 people gathered inside the Leighton Chapel April 28 to participate in a memorial service for Pfc. Shawn Edwards, who was recently killed in Iraq.

Several people talked about the type of Soldier Edwards was and how he always put others before himself and that he could always be depended upon.

Edwards was assigned to Company B, 121st Signal Battalion, headquartered on Larson Barracks in Kitzingen.

Edwards received a 21-gun salute during the service and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He is survived by his father Glen, mother Haifa and sister Robin of Bensenville, IL.

more information, contact ACS at (0931) 8897103.

Oh Sew Friendly Fridays

If you are interested in needlepoint, cross stitch or quilting, stop by the Harvey Arts and Craft Center on Fridays for classes. The classes are great for beginners or intermediates. To sign up for a class, stop by the center or call at (09321) 3058390.

Community Roundtable set

The Army Community Service will host the community roundtable meeting on May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Cantigny Club conference room on Leighton Barracks. For more information, call 350-7103 or (0931) 8897103

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Parents Night Out

All Leighton Child and Youth Services facilities will host a Parents Day Out on May 15 from noon to 4 p.m. To make reservations, call the Leighton Child Development Center at (0931) 8897148, the Leighton School Age Services at (0931) 8896827, or the Leighton Youth Services at (0931) 8896697.

NOW offered

Attend the Newcomers Orientation and Workshop, or NOW, May 10 through 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is a five-day relocation readiness program designed to orient family members to the 417th BSB community. Learn key German phrases, take tours of downtown Wuerzburg and Kitzingen and listen to guest speakers. Free childcare is available for the week for children registered with child and youth services. To sign up, call (0931) 8897103

GCSC May luncheon

Join the Giebelstadt Community Spouses' Club May 19 for a Cinco de Mayo luncheon at the Red Baron Club at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10. To make reservations, contact Mildred Cordoba at MildredCordoba@hotmail.com by May 14. To reserve childcare, contact Josie Howe at josie.howe@us.army.mil by May 11.

Crystal and pottery bingo

The Community Service Private Organization is hosting an international pottery and crystal bingo night. The event will be held on May 15 at 6 p.m. with games starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Wuerzburg American Middle School. For more information, call (0931) 2964661.

May is Microsoft Access month

Learn a new computer program this month. Army Community Service is offering several classes on Microsoft Access program. An Introduction to Access will be held on May 10-12, Intermediate Access on May 19-21, and Advanced Access May 24-26. To reserve a spot, call ACS at (0931) 8897103.

OPEN WIDE



Photo by Mindy Campbell

Dr. (Maj.) Ralf Beilhardt and Dr. (Capt.) Eric George examine Michael Moore's teeth during Smile Kitzingen Days on April 15. The event was held at the Kitzingen Dental Clinic on Harvey Barracks. Moore was happy to report he had no cavities.

WES hosts science fair

Wuerzburg Elementary School will host its annual Science/Social Studies fair beginning Monday, May 3 and continuing through Friday, May 7. Parents and community members are welcome to visit the fair. The fair will be setup in the small gym right off the main entrance. Drop by the school, sign in, and enjoy the projects from our students. For more information, contact WES at (0931) 8897169.

Deployment Survivor event

Join other spouses for Deployment Survivor's monthly event on Saturday, June 5. Deployment Survivor, a ministry of the Kitzingen R.O.C.K. service, is intended to promote awareness of activities available in the local community. It is also designed to challenge, inspire, encourage and promote personal growth. The monthly program will feature either BUNCO or BINGO games. The event, held from 2 to 5 p.m., will be held in building 53 on Larson Barracks. Free childcare is

provided and no CYS registration is required. For more information, contact Beth Payne at (09323) 875223 or www.deploymentsurvivor.com.

ACS hosts financial readiness classes

Army Community Service is hosting several financial readiness classes throughout the 417th BSB in May.

On May 5, a class entitled "Budget Management: Importance of Establishing and Maintaining a Household Budget" will be held at the Yellow Ribbon Room on Leighton Barracks.

On May 12, a "Checkbook Management" class will be held at the Giebelstadt ACS. On May 19, a class entitled "You & Your Credit: How Decisions Made Now Affect Achieving Future Financial Goals" will be held at the Yellow Ribbon Room on Leighton Barracks. On May 26, "Investing 101" will be held at the Giebelstadt ACS.

All classes will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information about the classes, call the Leighton ACS at (0931) 8897103.